



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC)**

07 September 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR AETC/CC (Lt Gen Marshall B. Webb)

FROM: Hunter G. Doster, 2d Lt, USAF  
AFIT/ENG  
2950 Hobson Way  
Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433

SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation Request for Immunization

Reference: (a) AFI 48-110\_IP 7 September 2021, *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for prevention of Infectious Disease*  
(b) DAFI 52-102 23 June 2021, *Religious Freedom in the Department of the Air Force*

1. I request a waiver of the immunization requirements directed by Air Force Instruction (AFI) 48-110\_IP, *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for Prevention of Infectious Disease*, to be exempt from receiving any COVID-19 Vaccinations. This request is based on my religious and/or personal beliefs, which conflict with the requirement.
  - a) My DOD ID number is [REDACTED] 2638
  - b) My Specialty Code is 62E1C
  - c) My unit of assignment is AFIT/ENG
  - d) My faith group of preference is Christian
2. This request is based on the burden this vaccine will cause on the exercise of my religious beliefs as a Born-Again Christian. I am a Christian, and I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem my soul, and in so doing established a new covenant between God and man. This new covenant, outlined in the Old and New Testament of the Bible, established many moral and spiritual principles that I must live by as a follower of Christ. Two foundational components of this New Covenant are that all life is created by God and is therefore sacred and that I am the Temple of the Lord because God's Spirit, The Holy Spirit, dwells in me. Due to these bedrock principles of my faith, I cannot in good conscience take the COVID-19 Vaccinations because of their ties with aborted fetal tissue, and my beliefs in the spiritual gift of healing. I believe abortion is evil, and I have been charged by God to stand up against any evil such as abortion. Therefore, receiving these immunizations will burden the exercise of my beliefs as I will not allow myself to benefit from any abortion. Furthermore, these immunizations will hinder my ability to walk in the Spiritual gift of healing, placing an enormous burden on the exercise of my

religious beliefs. In short, the COVID-19 immunization mandate does not allow me to freely and openly worship my God with my life and body (see Attachment 1). I understand I must attend an in-person interview with a Department of the Air Force Chaplain as part of the process for requesting a religious accommodation. I am in contact with the chaplains at Wright-Patterson AFB, particularly Chaplain Swenson. They are still working through the process for scheduling an interview and have instructed me to stand by while they sort things out.

3. If my request is disapproved, I understand that I must comply with my commands decision to handle the situation in lieu of DAFI 52-201 section 2.7 which states, "If, after a thorough analysis of the above factors, the religious accommodation of Airmen or Guardian cannot be met, administrative actions that may be considered include reassignment, reclassification, or voluntary separation." I understand that an approved accommodation may be suspended, modified, or revoked by appropriate authorities when required by military necessity. The point of contact for this request is the undersigned at (678) 644-0265 or hunter.doster@afit.edu.



HUNTER G DOSTER, 2D LT, USAF  
Student, AFIT/ENG

3 Attachments:

1. Full Reason for Exemption
2. Letter from Reverend Tanton
3. Letter from Pastor Isaacs

#### ATTACHMENT 1: FULL REASON FOR REQUEST

I am unable to receive any of the COVID-19 vaccinations because of the burden they would create on my religious and moral beliefs. I am a Christian, and I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem my soul, and in so doing established a new covenant between God and man. This new covenant, outlined in the Old and New Testament of the Bible, established many moral and spiritual principles that I must live by as a follower of Christ. Two foundational components of this New Covenant are that all life is created by God and is therefore sacred and that I am the Temple of the Lord because God's Spirit, The Holy Spirit, dwells in me. Due to these bedrock principles of my faith, I cannot in good conscience take the COVID-19 Vaccinations because of their ties with aborted fetal tissue, and my beliefs in the spiritual gift of healing. Thus, the COVID-19 vaccine mandate has created an enormous burden on my ability to exercise my religious belief, violating my rights protected by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution.

John 1:3 states, "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." Psalm 139:13-16 states, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Job 10:10-12 states, "Did you not pour me out like mil and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit." Jeremiah 1:5 states, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

These scriptures show that in my faith, Human life is created by God, sacred, and begins before birth. My Lord cares very much about me and all human life. He took great care in crafting each and every one of us. Therefore, human life is among the most important things to protect as a follower of Christ. God cares so much for us that He sent His only Son, so that after He was done creating us, we can live in eternal relationship with Him. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Therefore, attack on human life is an evil act, and it is my responsibility to not participate and fight against such crimes. Abortion is one of these crimes. Proverbs 6:16-17: "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ". I believe that life begins at conception, and my testimony shows the severity of my belief.

I was born through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) because my parents were unable to have a child the natural way. In IVF, the father's sperm and the mother's eggs are combined outside the body to form an embryo. These embryos are then injected into the mother's uterus to increase the chances of having a child. Sometimes, the embryos are frozen first if they are going to be used for a later pregnancy. I was one of these frozen embryos. My mother did not get pregnant with the first batch of embryos, so I was brought of the freezer, injected in, and 9 months later

was born in Atlanta, Georgia. I was the only child my parents were able to have through this process, and I am very grateful for this medical procedure. Because of my story and my beliefs, it grieves me when people do not believe conceived life is human life. To help people in tough situations where abortion is a consideration, my wife and I are very involved in the pro-life movement. My wife works full time for the non-profit Save The Storks which aims to provide the resources a mother needs to choose life. Given my story, it upset me to hear that all three COVID-19 Vaccines, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer, used aborted fetal tissue in the development of their vaccines. Specifically, Pfizer and Moderna used cell lines from aborted fetal tissue to test the efficacy of their vaccines during clinical trials, and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine used fetal cell cultures to produce and manufacture the vaccine.

Because of the techniques used to approve and manufacture these vaccines, receiving one would greatly burden my ability to exercise my religious beliefs. God has called me to be the best steward I can be with the life He gave me: Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”. I believe the use of aborted fetal tissue is an escalating issue in the medical field, and that it is my duty as a follower of Christ to take a stand. So, to the best of my ability, I will not allow myself to benefit from an abortion.

Because I am made in His image, God has commanded me to Honor him with my body. The right to control what goes in or out of my body is an imperative right I need to exercise this belief. 1 Corinthians 6:20 “you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.” Romans 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.” Being forced to receive a vaccine developed and tested with aborted fetal tissue would place an enormous burden on my ability to honor and worship God with my body.

Furthermore, I believe that I am the Temple of the Lord because The Holy Spirit lives inside me. 1 Corinthians 3:16: “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?” (ESV). I am also made in His image, and He calls me His son. Genesis 1:27: “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Galatians 4:6 “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Because of these parts of my faith, I believe that God made my body strong, able to heal, and that it is my duty as a follower of Christ to care for my body.

Since I am His Temple, God has designed my body to fight off disease and heal. He has put his Holy Spirit inside us and given us the gift of healing. By receiving this vaccine, I am not only dishonoring God with my body by participating in this evil act of abortion, but I am neglecting the gift of healing. James 5:14-15, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” Receiving this vaccine will place a heavy burden on the ability to worship God with my body and walk in faith according to the gift of healing.

In conclusion, taking the COVID-19 vaccinations would violate my religious and moral beliefs. The COVID-19 Immunization mandate creates a heavy burden on the ability to exercise

my faith. I cannot in good conscience take this vaccine. Not being free to openly worship my God with my life and body would create mistrust between myself and the DoD. I am thankful to belong to a country that values religious freedom and has a military with religious exemptions to accommodate dedicated service men and women's beliefs.

ATTACHMENT 2: LETTER FROM PASTOR ISAACS

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that the young man that is requesting a religious exemption is someone that I have personally helped as a spiritual mentor. I have been in the ministry for over 30 years. I have served as a pastor, campus pastor, national speaker, and as an executive in 2 faith-based nonprofit ministries. I presided over his marriage ceremony. I believe that he is one that the United States Air Force must hold on to if they wish to retain leaders of character and conviction. And that is why I write to you.

Hunter is a Christian. To be clear, there are many who claim that they are Christians who are “Christian” in name only. That is not who Hunter is. His relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ affects every decision he makes and every relationship he is a part of. It affects how he works, interacts with people, how he leads. It affects everything. One of the most deeply held beliefs that he holds in the sanctity of life. To him and his wife (and to anyone who understands the Scriptures) abortion is wrong. Aborted babies were used in the development of each of the COVID-19 vaccines. Careful research shows that. To benefit from the murder and experimentation of aborted babies would be akin to using medicine from experimentation on Jews during the Holocaust. Not only is this against the Nuremberg Code, it is in violation of his convictions. You see, many can live in disharmony to their “stated beliefs.” One cannot go against their convictions. It is impossible. Another example would be to take the human organs illegally being harvested by the Chinese Uyghurs. These are crimes against humanity that are currently taking place in China. Abortions are crimes against humanity occurring in the US. To personally benefit from these egregious acts in unconscionable to Hunter and his wife, as well.

Romans 12:1-2 says “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Hunter and those of strong character like him do not go with the flow of culture. They cannot. Their “authority” is not based on changing political parties and social trends. He does not look to Hollywood or DC for his authority. He looks to the Scriptures. Very rarely will this cause him to have to stand against a command. But when the command clearly violates his source of ultimate authority, he must defer to his ultimate authority.

As with all other diseases and viruses, Hunter’s body is equipped to fight them best with his own immune system and other supplements that he naturally uses for his personal health. Eating right, daily exercise, proper rest, and other health habits are equally effective in fighting virtually all viruses.

Put simply, being forced to benefit from the taking of a life of a child by taking this vaccine will cause a burden on Hunter’s ability to practice his faith with a clear conscience before a Holy God. And that God is His highest authority. Hunter is an exemplary officer. He is a graduate of The United States Air Force Academy. He was and is worth the investment that has been

afforded him in making him an officer. The Air Force needs 50,000 Hunter Dosters, leading and following to make our country safe. I am asking that you strongly and advisedly afford him the opportunity to live according to his deeply held religious convictions by granting him an exemption to these vaccines.

Sincerely,

Paul Isaacs, Minister of the Gospel

ATTACHMENT 3: LETTER FROM REVEREND TANTON

To whom it may concern,

My name is Patrick Tanton, and I am the Senior Pastor of TimberCreek Church in Colorado Springs. I am writing to confirm and verify the convictions and beliefs of my good friend Hunter Doster.

What Hunter has shared is not only his written position, but his lived-out convictions. As one of his pastors, I have known him as a devout follower of Jesus and the Holy Scriptures. He has proven to not only follow his beliefs when it's convenient, but also when it puts him outside the status quo. These are not only his personal convictions, but the beliefs of millions of Christ followers worldwide based on the Word of God captured in the Holy Scriptures. I am thankful for a country that allows me to live out my faith.

This mandate of vaccination puts a tremendous burden on all those who hold such strong convictions.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that...

God created our bodies as temples of the Spirit of God and that we are to steward them well. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

God created us and knit us together in our mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

To put anything in our bodies is a serious personal issue, and no one should be forced to do it. The fact that these vaccinations came through aborted fetal tissue testing makes it even more of an assault on the Christian faith.

I personally have chosen to not take the vaccine and I support Hunter in his conviction as well.

Respectfully,

Reverend Patrick Tanton



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
HEADQUARTERS 88TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC)  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

1 October 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR AETC/CC

FROM: Chaplain, Major Krista D. Ingram

SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation Request for 2d Lt Hunter G. Doster

1. On Thursday, 30 September, 2021, I spoke with Lt Doster to discuss his religious accommodation request for exemption from the USAF COVID-19 vaccination requirements.
2. Lt Doster is a devout Christian and leader in his church. He was a worship leader at Timber Creek Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and also led a men's group in worship and study at the United States Air Force Academy. Currently, he and his wife are members of LifePoint Church in Kettering where they lead the young adult group and volunteer with the youth program. Lt Doster and his wife have a strong faith in God and are vehemently against abortion, believing life begins at conception. Mrs. Doster stands firm in her commitment to life by working at a pro-life, non-profit organization. Lt Doster was himself conceived outside of his mother's womb via IVF; his belief that life begins at conception is both personal and painful.
3. The past year was an eye-opening experience for Lt Doster. While researching the COVID-19 vaccines he discovered they were brought to market using fetal cell lines. Lt Doster cannot, in good conscience and according to his faith, consume or utilize a product linked to abortion. He and his wife have already begun to research a myriad of products and implement various lifestyle changes based on their faith tenets.
4. Current vaccination requirements place a substantial burden on Lt Doster's free exercise of religion by requiring him to participate in an activity prohibited by his sincerely held beliefs. He will submit religious accommodation requests for other vaccinations as they are necessary, and he is prepared to choose obedience to God over military service.
5. Lt Doster's sincerely held religious beliefs are not sufficiently burdened by either the current federal guidelines for continued mask wear or routine COVID testing, and he is amenable to either or both options.
6. I recommend granting Lt Doster's religious accommodation request due to the overwhelming presence of sincerely held religious beliefs in opposition to the COVID-19 vaccine.
7. If you have any questions please contact me at [krista.ingram.1@us.af.mil](mailto:krista.ingram.1@us.af.mil) or 937-904-0524.

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Branch Chief, 88 ABW/HC



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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13 Sep 21

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: AU Det 1/CCQ

SUBJECT: Immunization Waiver Counseling – 2Lt Hunter Doster

1. The subject member requested an administrative waiver for the mandate to receive a vaccine against the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The first step in this process is for the unit Commander to counsel the member on the implications and potential challenges regarding the request.
2. Per Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 52-201, *Religious Freedom in the Department of the Air Force*, dated 23 Jun 20, I counseled the member on the following items:
  - a. Readiness for deployment
  - b. Readiness for assignment (including Developmental Education and Command opportunities)
  - c. Readiness for international travel (official and unofficial travel)
3. For questions regarding this counseling, contact me at 937-503-2783 or [don.salvatore@afit.edu](mailto:don.salvatore@afit.edu).

DON R. SALVATORE, Lt Col, USAF  
Section Commander, AU Det 1

Member Acknowledgement:

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Member Signature

Patient: Hunter Doster  
 Visit Date: 7/28/2021



### Patient Visit Receipt

Practitioner:	STURGIS, ALISON OH3458, BEAVERCREEK	Federal Tax ID:	20-3113336, 20-3113336
Clinic Address:	1331 N FAIRFIELD RD BEAVERCREEK OH 45432	POS Code:	11
		Group NPI:	1699747303, 1699747303

#### General Patient Information

Patient:	Hunter Doster	Patient ID:	[REDACTED] 6647
Home Phone:	There is no home phone number on file.	Visit ID:	461241444
Patient DOB:	1997	Primary Care Provider:	NONE
Patient Address:	[REDACTED]		

#### Detailed Charges

86328 IA NFCT AB SARSCOV2 COVID19, mod QW	x 1	\$38.00
<i>Diagnoses:</i>	<i>Patient Unit:</i>	
Z11.52		

#### Payment Summary

Transaction Type: SALE

#### Payment Sources

American Express x	\$38.00
<i>Authorization number: 828868</i>	
<i>Application ID: A000000025010801</i>	
<i>Application Name: AMERICAN EXPRESS</i>	
<i>Card Entry Mode: Chip read</i>	
<i>Card Holder Verification: 5E0300</i>	
<i>Terminal Verification Results: 0800008000</i>	
<i>Issue Application Data: 06590103A02000</i>	
<i>Transaction Status Information: E800</i>	
<i>Application Response Code: approved</i>	

#### We want your feedback!

If you have opted in to complete a survey by providing us with your email address you will automatically receive an email to complete a brief Patient Experience Survey in 24 hours. It only takes a few minutes to complete. Please have this Patient Visit Receipt available when you take the survey. Thank you!

For information or questions regarding this visit, please contact MinuteClinic at 866-389-ASAP (2727). If you feel MinuteClinic has not addressed your concern, you may contact the Joint Commission via their website: [jointcommission.org](http://jointcommission.org).

COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test: Patient Communication

Released

Not seen

## Results

COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test (Order 532765866)

COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test

Order 532765866

Status: Final result Visible to patient: No (inaccessible in CVS Health MyChart) Next appt: None Dx: Encounter for screening for COVID-19

Component 7/28/21 0937

IgG Covid19 Positive

Antibody

IgM Covid19 Negative

Antibody

INTERNAL Yes--Test working appropriately

CONTROLS VALID

Expiration Date 04/30/2022

Lot Number COV20040085

Test Brand Premier Biotech

Specimen Collected: 07/28/21 09:37

Last Resulted: 07/28/21 09:37

Order Details View Encounter Lab and Collection Details Routing Result History

### Result Care Coordination

Patient Communication

Released

Not seen

### Patient Demographics

Patient Name

Doster, Hunter

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DOB

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SSN

Address

Phone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### Lab Information

Lab

MC POCT 2087

1331 N FAIRFIELD RD

BEAVERCREEK OH 45432

### COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test [532765866] (Abnormal)

Resulted: 07/28/21 0937, Result status: Final result

Ordering provider: Jessika Taylor, LPN 07/28/21  
0937

Resulting lab: MC POCT 2087

**Components**

Component	Value	Flag
IgG Covid19 Antibody	Positive	—
IgM Covid19 Antibody	Negative	—
INTERNAL CONTROLS VALID	Yes--Test working appropriately	—
Expiration Date	04/30/2022	—
Lot Number	COV20040085	—
Test Brand	Premier Biotech	—

Specimen Date Taken	Specimen Time Taken	Specimen Received Date	Specimen Received Time	Result Date	Result Time
Jul 28, 2021	9:37 AM			Jul 28, 2021	9:37 AM



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND**

JAN 06 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR SECOND LIEUTENANT HUNTER G. DOSTER

FROM: HQ AETC/CC  
1 F Street, Suite 1  
JBSA Randolph TX 78150-4324

SUBJECT: Decision Regarding Religious Accommodation Request

I have received your accommodation request for exemption from the COVID-19 immunization requirement based on your religious beliefs. After careful consideration of the specific facts and circumstances, I deny your request for exemption from Air Force COVID-19 immunization standards based on the recommendations from your chain of command and the Religious Resolution Team (any other religious exemption that you seek must be addressed in a separate, specific request). A copy of this decision memorandum will be placed in your automated personnel records.

I thoroughly reviewed your request, examined the comments and recommendations from the functional and legal experts, and considered the impact on you personally, the Airmen with whom you work and the mission. I find that your request, while sincere, does not meet the threshold necessary for an exemption.

First, the Air Force's compelling government interest outweighs your individual belief and no lesser means satisfy the government's interest. For the past 18 months, the Air Education and Training Command fought through the COVID pandemic by implementing several extreme measures and processes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our Airmen. These measures included maximum telework, workplace occupancy limitations, extreme adjustments to Basic Military Training to include multiple training sites and modified training, and remote learning for most Professional Military Education to name just a few actions. Similar measures for the medical community included telehealth consultations and reduced in-person appointments. Despite these efforts, the Air Force remained in this posture until vaccinations became available and administered, and only then did our pandemic numbers begin to decrease. Continuing to implement these drastic measures detracts from the readiness, efficiency and good order and discipline of the force, and is unsustainable as the long-term solution.

When I reviewed your request, I used the same method as I did for requests from other similarly situated individuals, taking into account factors such as your duty position and rank. In your particular position, Masters Student at Air Force Institute of Technology, you will soon complete your coursework and will be transferring to the Air Force Research Laboratory where you will be required to interact with staff in-person. As such, there is a compelling government interest for you to receive the vaccine. An exemption will create the perception of favoritism, detracting from good order and discipline. Your personal lack of readiness will impact your

ability to deploy, perform temporary duties away from your home station, and be transferred overseas. Even if you are permitted to travel on official orders with an exemption, your ability to perform the mission may be limited due to restriction of movement and isolation requirements that are inapplicable to vaccinated members. Finally, failure to receive the vaccine increases the risk to your own personal health and safety and that of those around you.

Lesser means to accomplish the government's compelling interest are insufficient. You cannot achieve your duty objectives at the Air Force Research Laboratory via telework or social distancing. As a junior officer, hands-on supervision and guidance from your leadership is also necessary for your professional development. Further, your ability to lead and mentor subordinates is not as effective if you must interact virtually or while remaining socially distanced. Finally, mask wear alone is an insufficient intervention.

Upon receipt of this decision, I expect you will take every action necessary to comply with the requirement for COVID-19 immunization as soon as possible. You have five (5) calendar days from receipt of this memorandum to accomplish one of the following: (1) receive an approved COVID-19 vaccination and provide proof of vaccination to your commander; (2) submit for retirement or separation; or (3) appeal this decision to the Air Force Surgeon General. Should you elect to appeal this decision, follow the procedures in AFI 52-201, *Religious Freedom in the Department of the Air Force*, Chapter 6. If you appeal this decision, submit your appeal to your commander in writing. Include in your appeal any additional matters you wish for the AF/SG to consider. Your commander will forward your appeal and any additional matters to HQ AETC/SG for further processing.

If you have any questions, contact HQ AETC/HC at 210-652-3822 (DSN 487), or email at [aetc.hc@us.af.mil](mailto:aetc.hc@us.af.mil).



MARSHALL B. WEBB  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Commander

cc:

Member's Unit  
Member's Servicing FSS



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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18 January 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR AF/SG (Lt Gen Robert I. Miller)

FROM: Hunter G. Doster, 2d Lt, USAF  
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SUBJECT: Appeal of Religious Accommodation Request for Immunization

Reference: (a) AFI 48-110\_IP 7 September 2021, *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for prevention of Infectious Disease*  
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Sir:

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  - d) My faith group of preference is Christian
2. This request is an appeal in response to the denial of my religious accommodation request for the COVID-19 Immunization mandate. I want to preface that the preparation of this appeal was made under significantly difficult circumstances. The Air Force was given 4 months to make their decision, and I am only afforded 7 days after a 48 hour extension to tender the appeal. I was not allowed access to the documents in my package which were used by the AETC commander to make their decision. Without these documents, this appeal is made with inadequate references.
3. The request is based on the burden this vaccine will cause on the ability to exercise my religious beliefs as a Born-Again Christian. I am a Christian, and I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem my soul, and in so doing established a new covenant between God and man. This new covenant, outlined in the Old and New Testament of

the Bible, established many moral and spiritual principles that I must live by as a follower of Christ. Two foundational components of this New Covenant are that all life is created by God and is therefore sacred and that I am the Temple of the Lord because God's Spirit, The Holy Spirit, dwells in me. Due to these bedrock principles of my faith, I cannot in good conscience take the currently available COVID-19 Vaccinations because of their ties with aborted fetal tissue. I believe abortion is evil, and I have been charged by God to stand up against any evil such as abortion. God charges me to take care of my temple, so the ability to control what goes in and out of my body is essential to the practice of my beliefs. I cannot allow myself to benefit from an abortion. I understand that every vaccine currently on the market involves the use of these fetal cells either in testing, or production. Therefore, receiving these immunizations will severely burden the ability to exercise my beliefs. In short, the COVID-19 immunization mandate does not allow me to freely and openly worship my God with my life and body (see Attachment 1). Although my denial affirms my beliefs are sincerely held (see Attachments 2 and 3), the request was denied due to military readiness, good order and discipline, and health and safety.

4. The denial (Attachment 2) states, "First, the Air Force's compelling government interest outweighs your individual belief and no lesser means satisfy the government's interest." Contrary to this premise, as of 03 January 2022 (see attachment 4), the Air Force has approved 1,792 medical waivers and 2,177 administrative waivers. This statistic demonstrates the Air Force can achieve the compelling government interests with approved COVID-19 Immunization waivers. This same document reveals a total force vaccination rate of 95.6%. Therefore, readiness is achievable under a COVID-19 Immunization waiver approval.
5. As reflected in attachment 6, I have previously been infected with COVID-19, and, as a consequence, have documented antibodies. Existing and emerging medical literature suggests robust and potentially long-lasting natural immunity from these types of infections and with these antibodies.<sup>1</sup> If requested, I would be happy to obtain a follow up antibody test to demonstrate current antibodies and immunity. And, while I understand a preference for vaccination, and wish that there were current vaccines available that were consistent with my beliefs, the prior infection and natural immunity does suggest meeting the interests proffered by the Air Force for the vaccination mandate.
6. The DAFI 52-201 Section 2.4 states, "Any restriction on the expression of sincerely held beliefs must use the least restrictive means with respect to the applicant to achieve the compelling governmental interest." By granting medical and administrative exemptions, the Air Force demonstrates there is a less restrictive means other than denial of my requested accommodation to accommodate my sincerely held beliefs.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2110300> (last visited 1/14/2022); Recent press releases from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) suggests concern over the need for multiple boosters, and recent research showing omicron infection conferring natural immunity, <https://www.rfi.fr/en/europe/20220112-omicron-could-offer-natural-covid-immunity-without-need-for-boosters-says-ema> (last visited 1/14/2022).

7. Even a temporary approval, for as long as I am able to demonstrate current antibodies, is less restrictive than denial. By granting temporary exemptions due to pregnancy or recent COVID infection (which itself recognizes that concept of natural immunity), the Air Force demonstrates it can achieve the government compelling interests with temporary exemptions.
8. The denial states, “In your particular position, Masters Student at Air Force Institute of Technology, you will soon complete your coursework and will be transferring to the Air Force Research Laboratory where you will be required to interact with staff in-person. As such, there is a compelling government interest for you to receive the vaccine.” While at AFIT, I am non-deployable and all classes and research are achievable virtually. I graduate March 24, 2022 so a least restrictive means would include a temporary exemption approval until I am no longer at AFIT. In demonstrating temporary exemptions for medical reasons, the Air Force is able to achieve its interest with a temporary exemption in this case. Therefore, at a minimum a temporary exemption for my duration at AFIT would be less restrictive than a denial.
9. The DAFI 52-201 Section 2.7 states, “If after thorough analysis of the above factors, the religious accommodation of Airmen or Guardian cannot be met, administrative actions that may be considered include reassignment, reclassification...”. In demonstrating readiness is achievable at AFIT during this time, the least restrictive means would include reassignment or reclassification to a work environment such as AFIT where readiness was achievable under COVID restrictions. Also, the fluidity of the COVID situation provides evidence for a potential future solution to achieve readiness while at AFRL. There are new remedies being developed which may satisfy my religious beliefs and meet the Air Force’s stated interest’s. Therefore, a new solution to better achieve military readiness may arise before I am transferred there in a few months, so a temporary approval would be another means to achieve the least restrictive accommodation for my religious beliefs.
10. The denial states, “An exemption will create the perception of favoritism, detracting from good order and discipline. In demonstrating the 1,792 medical waivers and 2,177 administrative waivers, the Air Force has demonstrated that there is no perception of favoritism at work, and further shows good order and discipline is achievable with COVID-19 Immunization waivers. One might also observe that there is no statutory (or Constitutional) protections regarding these administrative or medical waivers, but such protections do exist for religious waivers. And the blanket denial of every religious waiver submitted so far, with the granting of medical and religious waivers, can easily be argued to be hostility towards religion.
11. The denial states, “For the past 18 months, the Air Education and Training Command fought through the COVID pandemic by implementing several extreme measures and processes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our Airmen. These measures included maximum telework, workplace occupancy limitations, extreme adjustments to Basic Military Training to include multiple training sites and modified training, and remote learning for most Professional Military Education to name just a few actions.

Similar measures for the medical community included telehealth consultations and reduced in-person appointments. Despite these efforts, the Air Force remained in this posture until vaccinations became available and administered, and only then did our pandemic numbers begin to decrease. Continuing to implement these drastic measures detracts from the readiness, efficiency and good order and discipline of the force, and is unsustainable as the long-term solution.” Over a year after the vaccines were made available to the public and with over 97 % of the Active-Duty Air Force Vaccinated, Wright-Patterson AFB where my current and next duty stations (AFIT then AFRL) are, is still under HPCON Delta with 15 % capacity (see attachment 5). The move to HPCON Delta shows the high vaccination status does not improve the COVID Protocols implemented over the pandemic. This exemption request should be approved under least restrictive means because the vaccine has not improved the COVID workplace operating procedures.

12. The denial states, “Finally, failure to receive the vaccine increases the risk to your personal health and safety and that of those around you.” As previously documented, I have natural immunity from the COVID virus, and I have a genetic mutation which makes me more susceptible to blood clots (See attachments 6, 7, and 8). Taking the vaccine has the potential to impose more risk to my personal health than benefit due to my genetic mutation which makes me more susceptible to blood clots. The rise of the omicron variant shows that transmission among the vaccinated are frequent. Given I have natural immunity and the vaccinated spread the virus considerably and the transmission of the virus among vaccinated has increased with new variants and this trend is likely to continue, I am no more a risk to those around me than those with the COVID-19 vaccination.
13. The denial states, “Lesser means to accomplish the government’s compelling interest are insufficient. You cannot achieve your duty objectives at the Air Force Research Laboratory via telework or social distancing. As a junior officer, hands-on supervision and guidance from your leadership is also necessary for your professional development. Further, your ability to lead and mentor subordinates is not as effective if you must interact virtually or while remaining socially distanced.” While at AFIT, I have accomplished the Air Force’s mission as a junior grade officer. I have received and provided effective supervision and guidance in my duty. Others, who are not students, have successfully provided everything necessary for professional development virtually or with social distancing. Therefore, the least restrictive means to accommodate my exemption could simply be to grant the requested accommodation.

HUNTER G DOSTER, 2D LT, USAF  
Student, AFIT/ENG

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC)**

07 September 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR AETC/CC (Lt Gen Marshall B. Webb)

FROM: Hunter G. Doster, 2d Lt, USAF  
AFIT/ENG  
2950 Hobson Way  
Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433

SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation Request for Immunization

Reference: (a) AFI 48-110\_IP 7 September 2021, *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for prevention of Infectious Disease*  
(b) DAFI 52-102 23 June 2021, *Religious Freedom in the Department of the Air Force*

1. I request a waiver of the immunization requirements directed by Air Force Instruction (AFI) 48-110\_IP, *Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for Prevention of Infectious Disease*, to be exempt from receiving any COVID-19 Vaccinations. This request is based on my religious and/or personal beliefs, which conflict with the requirement.
  - a) My DOD ID number is [REDACTED] 2638
  - b) My Specialty Code is 62E1C
  - c) My unit of assignment is AFIT/ENG
  - d) My faith group of preference is Christian
2. This request is based on the burden this vaccine will cause on the exercise of my religious beliefs as a Born-Again Christian. I am a Christian, and I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem my soul, and in so doing established a new covenant between God and man. This new covenant, outlined in the Old and New Testament of the Bible, established many moral and spiritual principles that I must live by as a follower of Christ. Two foundational components of this New Covenant are that all life is created by God and is therefore sacred and that I am the Temple of the Lord because God's Spirit, The Holy Spirit, dwells in me. Due to these bedrock principles of my faith, I cannot in good conscience take the COVID-19 Vaccinations because of their ties with aborted fetal tissue, and my beliefs in the spiritual gift of healing. I believe abortion is evil, and I have been charged by God to stand up against any evil such as abortion. Therefore, receiving these immunizations will burden the exercise of my beliefs as I will not allow myself to benefit from any abortion. Furthermore, these immunizations will hinder my ability to walk in the Spiritual gift of healing, placing an enormous burden on the exercise of my

religious beliefs. In short, the COVID-19 immunization mandate does not allow me to freely and openly worship my God with my life and body (see Attachment 1). I understand I must attend an in-person interview with a Department of the Air Force Chaplain as part of the process for requesting a religious accommodation. I am in contact with the chaplains at Wright-Patterson AFB, particularly Chaplain Swenson. They are still working through the process for scheduling an interview and have instructed me to stand by while they sort things out.

3. If my request is disapproved, I understand that I must comply with my commands decision to handle the situation in lieu of DAFI 52-201 section 2.7 which states, "If, after a thorough analysis of the above factors, the religious accommodation of Airmen or Guardian cannot be met, administrative actions that may be considered include reassignment, reclassification, or voluntary separation." I understand that an approved accommodation may be suspended, modified, or revoked by appropriate authorities when required by military necessity. The point of contact for this request is the undersigned at (678) 644-0265 or hunter.doster@afit.edu.



HUNTER G DOSTER, 2D LT, USAF  
Student, AFIT/ENG

3 Attachments:

1. Full Reason for Exemption
2. Letter from Reverend Tanton
3. Letter from Pastor Isaacs

#### ATTACHMENT 1: FULL REASON FOR REQUEST

I am unable to receive any of the COVID-19 vaccinations because of the burden they would create on my religious and moral beliefs. I am a Christian, and I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem my soul, and in so doing established a new covenant between God and man. This new covenant, outlined in the Old and New Testament of the Bible, established many moral and spiritual principles that I must live by as a follower of Christ. Two foundational components of this New Covenant are that all life is created by God and is therefore sacred and that I am the Temple of the Lord because God's Spirit, The Holy Spirit, dwells in me. Due to these bedrock principles of my faith, I cannot in good conscience take the COVID-19 Vaccinations because of their ties with aborted fetal tissue, and my beliefs in the spiritual gift of healing. Thus, the COVID-19 vaccine mandate has created an enormous burden on my ability to exercise my religious belief, violating my rights protected by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution.

John 1:3 states, "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." Psalm 139:13-16 states, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Job 10:10-12 states, "Did you not pour me out like mil and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit." Jeremiah 1:5 states, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

These scriptures show that in my faith, Human life is created by God, sacred, and begins before birth. My Lord cares very much about me and all human life. He took great care in crafting each and every one of us. Therefore, human life is among the most important things to protect as a follower of Christ. God cares so much for us that He sent His only Son, so that after He was done creating us, we can live in eternal relationship with Him. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Therefore, attack on human life is an evil act, and it is my responsibility to not participate and fight against such crimes. Abortion is one of these crimes. Proverbs 6:16-17: "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ". I believe that life begins at conception, and my testimony shows the severity of my belief.

I was born through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) because my parents were unable to have a child the natural way. In IVF, the father's sperm and the mother's eggs are combined outside the body to form an embryo. These embryos are then injected into the mother's uterus to increase the chances of having a child. Sometimes, the embryos are frozen first if they are going to be used for a later pregnancy. I was one of these frozen embryos. My mother did not get pregnant with the first batch of embryos, so I was brought of the freezer, injected in, and 9 months later

was born in Atlanta, Georgia. I was the only child my parents were able to have through this process, and I am very grateful for this medical procedure. Because of my story and my beliefs, it grieves me when people do not believe conceived life is human life. To help people in tough situations where abortion is a consideration, my wife and I are very involved in the pro-life movement. My wife works full time for the non-profit Save The Storks which aims to provide the resources a mother needs to choose life. Given my story, it upset me to hear that all three COVID-19 Vaccines, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer, used aborted fetal tissue in the development of their vaccines. Specifically, Pfizer and Moderna used cell lines from aborted fetal tissue to test the efficacy of their vaccines during clinical trials, and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine used fetal cell cultures to produce and manufacture the vaccine.

Because of the techniques used to approve and manufacture these vaccines, receiving one would greatly burden my ability to exercise my religious beliefs. God has called me to be the best steward I can be with the life He gave me: Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”. I believe the use of aborted fetal tissue is an escalating issue in the medical field, and that it is my duty as a follower of Christ to take a stand. So, to the best of my ability, I will not allow myself to benefit from an abortion.

Because I am made in His image, God has commanded me to Honor him with my body. The right to control what goes in or out of my body is an imperative right I need to exercise this belief. 1 Corinthians 6:20 “you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.” Romans 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.” Being forced to receive a vaccine developed and tested with aborted fetal tissue would place an enormous burden on my ability to honor and worship God with my body.

Furthermore, I believe that I am the Temple of the Lord because The Holy Spirit lives inside me. 1 Corinthians 3:16: “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?” (ESV). I am also made in His image, and He calls me His son. Genesis 1:27: “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Galatians 4:6 “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Because of these parts of my faith, I believe that God made my body strong, able to heal, and that it is my duty as a follower of Christ to care for my body.

Since I am His Temple, God has designed my body to fight off disease and heal. He has put his Holy Spirit inside us and given us the gift of healing. By receiving this vaccine, I am not only dishonoring God with my body by participating in this evil act of abortion, but I am neglecting the gift of healing. James 5:14-15, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” Receiving this vaccine will place a heavy burden on the ability to worship God with my body and walk in faith according to the gift of healing.

In conclusion, taking the COVID-19 vaccinations would violate my religious and moral beliefs. The COVID-19 Immunization mandate creates a heavy burden on the ability to exercise

my faith. I cannot in good conscience take this vaccine. Not being free to openly worship my God with my life and body would create mistrust between myself and the DoD. I am thankful to belong to a country that values religious freedom and has a military with religious exemptions to accommodate dedicated service men and women's beliefs.

ATTACHMENT 2: LETTER FROM PASTOR ISAACS

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that the young man that is requesting a religious exemption is someone that I have personally helped as a spiritual mentor. I have been in the ministry for over 30 years. I have served as a pastor, campus pastor, national speaker, and as an executive in 2 faith-based nonprofit ministries. I presided over his marriage ceremony. I believe that he is one that the United States Air Force must hold on to if they wish to retain leaders of character and conviction. And that is why I write to you.

Hunter is a Christian. To be clear, there are many who claim that they are Christians who are “Christian” in name only. That is not who Hunter is. His relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ affects every decision he makes and every relationship he is a part of. It affects how he works, interacts with people, how he leads. It affects everything. One of the most deeply held beliefs that he holds in the sanctity of life. To him and his wife (and to anyone who understands the Scriptures) abortion is wrong. Aborted babies were used in the development of each of the COVID-19 vaccines. Careful research shows that. To benefit from the murder and experimentation of aborted babies would be akin to using medicine from experimentation on Jews during the Holocaust. Not only is this against the Nuremberg Code, it is in violation of his convictions. You see, many can live in disharmony to their “stated beliefs.” One cannot go against their convictions. It is impossible. Another example would be to take the human organs illegally being harvested by the Chinese Uyghurs. These are crimes against humanity that are currently taking place in China. Abortions are crimes against humanity occurring in the US. To personally benefit from these egregious acts in unconscionable to Hunter and his wife, as well.

Romans 12:1-2 says “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Hunter and those of strong character like him do not go with the flow of culture. They cannot. Their “authority” is not based on changing political parties and social trends. He does not look to Hollywood or DC for his authority. He looks to the Scriptures. Very rarely will this cause him to have to stand against a command. But when the command clearly violates his source of ultimate authority, he must defer to his ultimate authority.

As with all other diseases and viruses, Hunter’s body is equipped to fight them best with his own immune system and other supplements that he naturally uses for his personal health. Eating right, daily exercise, proper rest, and other health habits are equally effective in fighting virtually all viruses.

Put simply, being forced to benefit from the taking of a life of a child by taking this vaccine will cause a burden on Hunter’s ability to practice his faith with a clear conscience before a Holy God. And that God is His highest authority. Hunter is an exemplary officer. He is a graduate of The United States Air Force Academy. He was and is worth the investment that has been

afforded him in making him an officer. The Air Force needs 50,000 Hunter Dosters, leading and following to make our country safe. I am asking that you strongly and advisedly afford him the opportunity to live according to his deeply held religious convictions by granting him an exemption to these vaccines.

Sincerely,

Paul Isaacs, Minister of the Gospel

ATTACHMENT 3: LETTER FROM REVEREND TANTON

To whom it may concern,

My name is Patrick Tanton, and I am the Senior Pastor of TimberCreek Church in Colorado Springs. I am writing to confirm and verify the convictions and beliefs of my good friend Hunter Doster.

What Hunter has shared is not only his written position, but his lived-out convictions. As one of his pastors, I have known him as a devout follower of Jesus and the Holy Scriptures. He has proven to not only follow his beliefs when it's convenient, but also when it puts him outside the status quo. These are not only his personal convictions, but the beliefs of millions of Christ followers worldwide based on the Word of God captured in the Holy Scriptures. I am thankful for a country that allows me to live out my faith.

This mandate of vaccination puts a tremendous burden on all those who hold such strong convictions.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that...

God created our bodies as temples of the Spirit of God and that we are to steward them well. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

God created us and knit us together in our mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

To put anything in our bodies is a serious personal issue, and no one should be forced to do it. The fact that these vaccinations came through aborted fetal tissue testing makes it even more of an assault on the Christian faith.

I personally have chosen to not take the vaccine and I support Hunter in his conviction as well.

Respectfully,

Reverend Patrick Tanton



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND**

JAN 06 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR SECOND LIEUTENANT HUNTER G. DOSTER

FROM: HQ AETC/CC  
1 F Street, Suite 1  
JBSA Randolph TX 78150-4324

SUBJECT: Decision Regarding Religious Accommodation Request

I have received your accommodation request for exemption from the COVID-19 immunization requirement based on your religious beliefs. After careful consideration of the specific facts and circumstances, I deny your request for exemption from Air Force COVID-19 immunization standards based on the recommendations from your chain of command and the Religious Resolution Team (any other religious exemption that you seek must be addressed in a separate, specific request). A copy of this decision memorandum will be placed in your automated personnel records.

I thoroughly reviewed your request, examined the comments and recommendations from the functional and legal experts, and considered the impact on you personally, the Airmen with whom you work and the mission. I find that your request, while sincere, does not meet the threshold necessary for an exemption.

First, the Air Force's compelling government interest outweighs your individual belief and no lesser means satisfy the government's interest. For the past 18 months, the Air Education and Training Command fought through the COVID pandemic by implementing several extreme measures and processes to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our Airmen. These measures included maximum telework, workplace occupancy limitations, extreme adjustments to Basic Military Training to include multiple training sites and modified training, and remote learning for most Professional Military Education to name just a few actions. Similar measures for the medical community included telehealth consultations and reduced in-person appointments. Despite these efforts, the Air Force remained in this posture until vaccinations became available and administered, and only then did our pandemic numbers begin to decrease. Continuing to implement these drastic measures detracts from the readiness, efficiency and good order and discipline of the force, and is unsustainable as the long-term solution.

When I reviewed your request, I used the same method as I did for requests from other similarly situated individuals, taking into account factors such as your duty position and rank. In your particular position, Masters Student at Air Force Institute of Technology, you will soon complete your coursework and will be transferring to the Air Force Research Laboratory where you will be required to interact with staff in-person. As such, there is a compelling government interest for you to receive the vaccine. An exemption will create the perception of favoritism, detracting from good order and discipline. Your personal lack of readiness will impact your

ability to deploy, perform temporary duties away from your home station, and be transferred overseas. Even if you are permitted to travel on official orders with an exemption, your ability to perform the mission may be limited due to restriction of movement and isolation requirements that are inapplicable to vaccinated members. Finally, failure to receive the vaccine increases the risk to your own personal health and safety and that of those around you.

Lesser means to accomplish the government's compelling interest are insufficient. You cannot achieve your duty objectives at the Air Force Research Laboratory via telework or social distancing. As a junior officer, hands-on supervision and guidance from your leadership is also necessary for your professional development. Further, your ability to lead and mentor subordinates is not as effective if you must interact virtually or while remaining socially distanced. Finally, mask wear alone is an insufficient intervention.

Upon receipt of this decision, I expect you will take every action necessary to comply with the requirement for COVID-19 immunization as soon as possible. You have five (5) calendar days from receipt of this memorandum to accomplish one of the following: (1) receive an approved COVID-19 vaccination and provide proof of vaccination to your commander; (2) submit for retirement or separation; or (3) appeal this decision to the Air Force Surgeon General. Should you elect to appeal this decision, follow the procedures in AFI 52-201, *Religious Freedom in the Department of the Air Force*, Chapter 6. If you appeal this decision, submit your appeal to your commander in writing. Include in your appeal any additional matters you wish for the AF/SG to consider. Your commander will forward your appeal and any additional matters to HQ AETC/SG for further processing.

If you have any questions, contact HQ AETC/HC at 210-652-3822 (DSN 487), or email at [aetc.hc@us.af.mil](mailto:aetc.hc@us.af.mil).



MARSHALL B. WEBB  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
HEADQUARTERS 88TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC)  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

1 October 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR AETC/CC

FROM: Chaplain, Major Krista D. Ingram

SUBJECT: Religious Accommodation Request for 2d Lt Hunter G. Doster

1. On Thursday, 30 September, 2021, I spoke with Lt Doster to discuss his religious accommodation request for exemption from the USAF COVID-19 vaccination requirements.
2. Lt Doster is a devout Christian and leader in his church. He was a worship leader at Timber Creek Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and also led a men's group in worship and study at the United States Air Force Academy. Currently, he and his wife are members of LifePoint Church in Kettering where they lead the young adult group and volunteer with the youth program. Lt Doster and his wife have a strong faith in God and are vehemently against abortion, believing life begins at conception. Mrs. Doster stands firm in her commitment to life by working at a pro-life, non-profit organization. Lt Doster was himself conceived outside of his mother's womb via IVF; his belief that life begins at conception is both personal and painful.
3. The past year was an eye-opening experience for Lt Doster. While researching the COVID-19 vaccines he discovered they were brought to market using fetal cell lines. Lt Doster cannot, in good conscience and according to his faith, consume or utilize a product linked to abortion. He and his wife have already begun to research a myriad of products and implement various lifestyle changes based on their faith tenets.
4. Current vaccination requirements place a substantial burden on Lt Doster's free exercise of religion by requiring him to participate in an activity prohibited by his sincerely held beliefs. He will submit religious accommodation requests for other vaccinations as they are necessary, and he is prepared to choose obedience to God over military service.
5. Lt Doster's sincerely held religious beliefs are not sufficiently burdened by either the current federal guidelines for continued mask wear or routine COVID testing, and he is amenable to either or both options.
6. I recommend granting Lt Doster's religious accommodation request due to the overwhelming presence of sincerely held religious beliefs in opposition to the COVID-19 vaccine.
7. If you have any questions please contact me at krista.ingram.1@us.af.mil or 937-904-0524.

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# DAF COVID-19 Statistics - Jan. 4, 2022



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**WASHINGTON (AFNS) --** Below are current coronavirus disease 2019 statistics for Department of Air Force personnel:

Jan. 4, 2022

Current as of 2p.m., Jan. 3, 2022

<b>DAF TOTAL STATS*</b>				
	CASES	HOSPITALIZED	RECOVERED	DEATHS
Military	49,302	24	46,568	6
Civilian	15,050	23	14,307	105
Dependents	13,371	4	12,921	8
Contractors	4,359	8	4,200	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,082</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>77,996</b>	<b>148</b>

\*These numbers include all of the cases that were reported since our last update on Dec. 21.

<b>DAF TOTAL VACCINATED</b>				
	ACTIVE DUTY	GUARD	RESERVE	TOTAL FORCE
% Partially Vaccinated	0.2%	0.7%	0.7%	0.4%
% Fully Vaccinated	97.4%	91.7%	91.6%	95.4%

<b>DAF APPROVED EXEMPTIONS</b>				
	ACTIVE DUTY	GUARD	RESERVE	TOTAL FORCE
Medical	842	574	376	1,792
Administrative	103	1,593	481	2,177

<b>RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS</b>		
	MAJCOM/FLDCOM	DAF/APPEALS
Pending	1,824	129
Approved	0	0

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**Unvaccinated:** All those who have verbally refused, have not started the vaccination process or are erroneously coded. Does not include those who have approved exemptions.

**Medical:** Medical exemptions are determined individually by the member's medical provider.

**Administrative:** Administrative exemptions are determined individually. For example, if a member obtained a commander-approved submission for separation or retirement by Nov. 1, they are administratively exempt.

**Religious Accommodation:** Religious accommodations are a subset of administrative exemptions and are determined by the MAJCOM/FLDCOM commanders. The DAF has 30 business days (active component in CONUS) to process requests. Appeals are determined by the DAF's Surgeon General with inputs from the chaplain and staff judge advocate. Individuals do not have to get immunized as long as their request is in the process of being decided.

#### Personnel Numbers (approximates):

326,000 Active Component (U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force)

107,000 Air National Guard

68,000 Air Force Reserve

501,000 Total Force (Active Duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve)

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### Graduate School Faculty, Students, and Staff:

As you can read below, the 88 ABW/CC has decided to transition the base from HPCON Charlie to **HPCON Delta** due to the high number of COVID cases in the surrounding communities. In order to meet the Commander's intent, we need to adjust our on-campus posture within the graduate school. First, we believe holding in-person classes is a critical aspect of our mission and plan to keep classes in person on campus to maximum extent possible. However, we need the following adjustments:

- 1) If you don't need to be on campus for class, please work at home as much as possible.
- 2) Classes which cannot allow 6-ft physical spacing will be adjusted by the registrar for an alternate location if at all possible.
- 3) You must continue to wear masks and maintain 6-ft distance at all times on campus unless in a closed private office.
- 4) We will close the library for the next 2 weeks and determine on 21 Jan whether to re-open on 24 Jan or leave closed until end of Jan.
- 5) Minimize any eating/drinking in the presence of others.
- 6) Hold any meetings with others (outside classes) online to the maximum extent possible.

Finally, in addition the ABW/CC guidance, the attached DoD guidance was published today as well. Please read and heed the guidance to remain off base/campus if sick and quarantine if you meet the requirements to quarantine.

Our aim is to reduce risk to the health of all Graduate School personnel and especially our students graduating in March well so we do not jeopardize their ability to complete their research/courses and graduate on time.

Thank you for your teamwork and cooperation on these crucial actions to protect the health of our entire community.

Regards to all,

Deji Badiru

7 January 2022

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Patient: Hunter Doster  
 Visit Date: 7/28/2021



### Patient Visit Receipt

Practitioner:	STURGIS, ALISON OH3458, BEAVERCREEK	Federal Tax ID:	20-3113336, 20-3113336
Clinic Address:	1331 N FAIRFIELD RD BEAVERCREEK OH 45432	POS Code:	11
		Group NPI:	1699747303, 1699747303

### General Patient Information

Patient:	Hunter Doster	Patient ID:	[REDACTED] 6647
Home Phone:	There is no home phone number on file.	Visit ID:	461241444
Patient DOB:	1997	Primary Care Provider:	NONE
Patient Address:	[REDACTED]		

### Detailed Charges

86328 IA NFCT AB SARSCOV2 COVID19, mod QW	x 1	\$38.00
<i>Diagnoses:</i>	<i>Patient Unit:</i>	
Z11.52		

### Payment Summary

Transaction Type: SALE

### Payment Sources

American Express x	\$38.00
<i>Authorization number: 828868</i>	
<i>Application ID: A000000025010801</i>	
<i>Application Name: AMERICAN EXPRESS</i>	
<i>Card Entry Mode: Chip read</i>	
<i>Card Holder Verification: 5E0300</i>	
<i>Terminal Verification Results: 0800008000</i>	
<i>Issue Application Data: 06590103A02000</i>	
<i>Transaction Status Information: E800</i>	
<i>Application Response Code: approved</i>	

#### We want your feedback!

If you have opted in to complete a survey by providing us with your email address you will automatically receive an email to complete a brief Patient Experience Survey in 24 hours. It only takes a few minutes to complete. Please have this Patient Visit Receipt available when you take the survey. Thank you!

For information or questions regarding this visit, please contact MinuteClinic at 866-389-ASAP (2727). If you feel MinuteClinic has not addressed your concern, you may contact the Joint Commission via their website: [jointcommission.org](http://jointcommission.org).

COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test: Patient Communication

Released

Not seen

## Results

COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test (Order 532765866)

COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test

Order 532765866

Status: Final result Visible to patient: No (inaccessible in CVS Health MyChart) Next appt: None Dx: Encounter for screening for COVID-19

Component	7/28/21 0937
IgG Covid19	Positive
Antibody	
IgM Covid19	Negative
Antibody	
INTERNAL CONTROLS VALID	Yes--Test working appropriately
Expiration Date	04/30/2022
Lot Number	COV20040085
Test Brand	Premier Biotech

Specimen Collected: 07/28/21 09:37

Last Resulted: 07/28/21 09:37

Order Details View Encounter Lab and Collection Details Routing Result History

### Result Care Coordination

Patient Communication

Released

Not seen

### Patient Demographics

Patient Name	Legal	DOB	SSN	Address	Phone
Doster, Hunter					
	Sex				
	Male	1997			

### Lab Information

Lab  
MC POCT 2087  
1331 N FAIRFIELD RD  
BEAVERCREEK OH 45432

### COVID 19 Antibody IgG/IgM Rapid POC Test [532765866] (Abnormal)

Resulted: 07/28/21 0937, Result status: Final result

Ordering provider: Jessika Taylor, LPN 07/28/21 0937 Resulting lab: MC POCT 2087

**Components**

Component	Value	Flag
IgG Covid19 Antibody	Positive	—
IgM Covid19 Antibody	Negative	—
INTERNAL CONTROLS VALID	Yes--Test working appropriately	—
Expiration Date	04/30/2022	—
Lot Number	COV20040085	—
Test Brand	Premier Biotech	—

Specimen Date Taken	Specimen Time Taken	Specimen Received Date	Specimen Received Time	Result Date	Result Time
Jul 28, 2021	9:37 AM			Jul 28, 2021	9:37 AM



DOSTER, HUNTER

Patient Information		Specimen Information	Client Information
DOSTER, HUNTER  DOB: [REDACTED] 1997 AGE: 24 Gender: M Fasting: U Phone: [REDACTED] Patient ID: 182270		Specimen: WX668567N Requisition: 4204833 Lab Ref #: A20037265  Collected: 08/09/2021 / 12:16 CDT Received: 08/12/2021 / 05:29 CDT Reported: 08/15/2021 / 20:13 CDT	Client #: 73978740 4000000 BANSAL, ANKUSH PUSH HEALTH 1730 E HOLLY AVE EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245-4404

Test Name	In Range	Out Of Range	Reference Range	Lab
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METHYLENETETRAHYDROFOLATE REDUCTASE (MTHFR), DNA SEE NOTE

RESULT: POSITIVE FOR ONE COPY OF THE C677T VARIANT

INTERPRETATION SEE NOTE

INTERPRETATION: This individual is heterozygous for the C677T variant and negative (normal) for the A1298C variant in the MTHFR gene. This result is not associated with a significantly increased risk for coronary artery disease, venous thromboembolism or adverse pregnancy outcome.

Reduced methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) enzyme activity is a genetic risk factor for hyperhomocysteinemia, especially when present with low serum folate levels. Two common variants in the MTHFR gene result in reduced enzyme activity. The "thermolabile" variant C677T [NM 005957.3: c.665C>T (p.A222V)] and A1298C [c. 1286A>C (p.E429A)] occur frequently in the general population.

Mild to moderate hyperhomocysteinemia has been identified as a risk factor for coronary artery disease and venous thromboembolism. Hyperhomocysteinemia is multifactorial, involving a combination of genetic, physiologic and environmental factors. Recent studies do not support the previously described association of increased risk for coronary artery disease and venous thromboembolism with mild hyperhomocysteinemia caused by reduced MTHFR activity. Therefore, the utility of MTHFR variant testing is uncertain and is not recommended by The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) or the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) in the evaluation of venous thromboembolism or adverse pregnancy outcome.

Modest positive association has also been found between the "thermolabile" variant of the MTHFR gene and many other medical complications, such as recurrent pregnancy loss, risk of offspring with neural tube defects, neuropsychiatric disease, and chemotherapy toxicity. Increased risk of coronary artery disease, venous thromboembolism and increased plasma homocysteine can be caused by a variety of genetic and non-genetic factors not screened for by this assay. If indicated by personal or family history of thromboembolism, consider additional testing such as plasma homocysteine levels, factor V Leiden and prothrombin gene mutations.

The C677T and A1298C variants are detected by amplification of the selected regions of MTHFR gene by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and fluorescent probes hybridization to the targeted regions, followed by melting curve analysis with a real time PCR system. Although rare, false positive or false negative results may occur. All results should be interpreted in context of clinical findings, relevant history, and other laboratory data. Health care providers,



Report Status: Final  
DOSTER, HUNTER

Patient Information	Specimen Information	Client Information
<b>DOSTER, HUNTER</b> DOB: [REDACTED] 1997 AGE: 24 Gender: M Fasting: U Patient ID: 182270	Specimen: WX668567N Collected: 08/09/2021 / 12:16 CDT Received: 08/12/2021 / 05:29 CDT Reported: 08/15/2021 / 20:13 CDT	Client #: 73978740 BANSAL, ANKUSH

Test Name	In Range	Out Of Range	Reference Range	Lab
please contact your local Quest Diagnostics' genetic counselor or call 866-GENEINFO (866-436-3463) for assistance with interpretation of these results.				

For additional information, please refer to:  
<http://education.QuestDiagnostics.com/faq/FAQ66>  
 (This link is being provided for informational/educational purposes only.)

This test was developed and its analytical performance characteristics have been determined by Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute San Juan Capistrano. It has not been cleared or approved by FDA. This assay has been validated pursuant to the CLIA regulations and is used for clinical purposes. Laboratory testing supervised and results monitored by Bernard Joseph Ilagan, MD, MHA, FACMG, CGMBS.

#### PERFORMING SITE:

EZ QUEST DIAGNOSTICS/NICHOLS SJC, 33608 ORTEGA HWY, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA 92675-2042 Laboratory Director: IRINA MARAMICA,MD,PHD,MBA, CLIA: 05D0643352



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January 13, 2021

My name is Deborah D. Viglione, and I am a physician with a practice located in Gulf Breeze, Florida. My C.V. is attached. I am familiar with, and was asked to medically evaluate Mr. Doster, in connection with his receipt of currently-available COVID-19 vaccines. The opinions I render herein are based upon a personal evaluation of Mr. Doster and a review of his complete medical history, as well as my education, training and experience. They are rendered to a reasonable degree of medical certainty. Given Mr. Doster's medical history and prior COVID infection, vaccination with any of the COVID vaccines is contraindicated.

Mr. Doster has recovered from natural infection and has a positive antibody test dated July 2021. The preponderance of current and past research supports the robustness and longevity of natural immunity versus passive immunity conferred by vaccination<sup>1,2,6,7,8,9,11,13</sup>. Natural infection, however, also places Mr. Doster at an increased risk of adverse event from COVID vaccination. Current evidence acknowledges that COVID vaccination after natural infection is associated with a greater number of adverse events<sup>5,10</sup>. Therefore, COVID vaccination, at this time, puts him at greater risk of adverse event which negates any positive benefit of vaccination.

Secondly, Mr. Doster has a genetic mutation that predisposes him to serious clotting and cardiovascular events that may lead to stroke. In individuals with this mutation, any vaccination that elicits rapid "demand for DNA synthesis", such as the currently available mRNA vaccines, increases their clotting and cardiovascular risk<sup>12</sup>. Currently, all COVID vaccines are associated with clotting dysregulation with the Janssen and Pfizer vaccines having more documented clotting adverse events than other COVID vaccines<sup>18,19,20,21,22,23</sup>. In light of this information, the risks of vaccination for Mr. Doster, exceed any benefit, at this time.

Initial data, released by the CDC concerning the more recent Omicron variant, confirms that 79% of those infected were fully vaccinated, 41% had received booster injections, and the only hospitalization was of a fully vaccinated individual<sup>13</sup>. The report also indicates that infection with Omicron is generally mild and has reduced quarantine restrictions to 5 days after confirmed infection<sup>26,27</sup>. The CDC also admits that the current 2-dose vaccine effectiveness against Omicron is 35%, but a booster may return efficacy to 75%, however, this conclusion seems unsupportable by current evidence, given that 41% of initial cases were boosted which would render the booster much less effective than the purported 75%<sup>13,14</sup>. In fact, a Danish study determined that vaccine effectiveness against omicron was 55.2% and 36.7% for Pfizer and Moderna, respectively<sup>15</sup>.

Another promised benefit of inoculation was the reduction in transmission of infection. In July 2021, the CDC reported that COVID vaccination cannot protect against transmission of infection and, in agreement, a recent *Lancet* study, similarly, found the rate of transmission of the vaccinated verses unvaccinated to family members was 25% and 23%, respectively<sup>3,17</sup>. The vaccines also no longer protect against

hospitalization or death as admitted by Dr. Anthony Fauci in an interview with *The New York Times*<sup>4,16</sup>. Therefore, the purported purpose of mandated vaccines: to prevent illness, severity of disease, hospitalization, and transmission, has not been met further accentuating the divide between risk verses presumed benefit.

Every medical decision is made with full evaluation of the risks verses the benefits of the intervention. After considering all the information currently available, it is my medical opinion that COVID vaccination is unsafe and contraindicated for Hunter Doster and should be avoided.

Regards,

Deborah D. Viglione, MD

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Canton High School  
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HS Degree, 1978

#### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Atlantic Christian College  
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Wilson, North Carolina  
January 1978-May 1979

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Bachelor of Arts Biology 1981

#### **MEDICAL SCHOOL**

University of North Carolina  
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#### **INTERNSHIP**

Keesler USAF Medical Center  
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Internal Medicine Categorical  
July 1986-June 1987

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## **MILITARY**

United States Air Force  
Reserve – 4 years 1982-1986  
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## **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

American Board of Internal Medicine  
September 13, 1989 (no expiration)  
American Academy of Anti-Aging Regenerative Medicine-2012  
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## **LICENSURE**

North Carolina #32311  
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## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

AFSC Regional Hospital  
SGHI Eglin AFB, Florida 32541  
Staff Internist  
July 1989 – July 1991

650<sup>th</sup> Medical Group  
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Edwards AFB, California 93524  
Staff Internist  
August 1991-August 1993

Medical Doctor Associates  
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Sierra Medical Group (part-time)  
44469 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, CA  
FP, IM Urgent Care  
September 1993-December 1993

Cabarrus Memorial Hospital  
Quick Care – 920 Church Street North  
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Locum Tenens  
December 20, 1993- December 31, 1993  
(Employed by: Medical Doctor Associates)

Medical Professional Agency, Inc  
Scenic Highway Family Medicine Center  
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Part-time coverage in existing practice  
January 7, 1994

Medical Professional Agency, Inc  
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Part-time coverage existing practice  
1994-1995

Medical Professional Agency, Inc  
FirstPhysicians  
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Employed Physician  
Internal Medicine  
1994-2000

Watson Alternative Health and Weight Loss Center  
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Medical Director  
2006- July 29, 2008

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Private Practice  
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2000- present  
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## **EXPERIENCE/LEADERSHIP**

HIV Coordinator, Eglin AFB 1989-1991  
Attending Physician Family  
Residency Eglin AFB 1989-1991

Deployed for Operation Desert Storm 1991

Infection Control Committee  
Eglin AFB 1989-1991

Rabies Board Eglin AFB 1990-1991

Process Action Team (TQM)  
Improving Hospital Appointment  
System Eglin AFB 1989-1990

Laboratory Director  
Edwards AFB 1991-1992

HIV Coordinator  
Edwards AFB 1992-1993

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee  
Edwards AFB 1991-1993

Formulary Committee (chair)  
Edwards AFB 1991-1993

Process Action Team (leader)  
Improvement Prescription/Refill policy  
Edwards AFB 1992

Chief of Immediate Disaster Response Team  
Edwards AFB 1991-1993

Chief of Medicine – Gulf Breeze Hospital  
1997-1999

MPA Board – 1996  
FirstPhysicians Steering Committee  
FirstPhysicians Vice President 1994-2000

Managed Care Committee (chair) 1997

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee  
Baptist Hospital 1995

Secretary Medical Executive Committee  
1999-2000

Assistant Chief of Staff Gulf Breeze Hospital  
2000-2001

Chief of Staff Gulf Breeze Hospital  
2001-2001

Member, Professional Functions  
Committee Baptist Hospital 2001-2002

Nominating Committee Gulf Breeze  
Gulf Breeze Hospital 2000-2001

Chief of Medicine Gulf Breeze Hospital  
2004 – 2005

Science Advisory Board Member  
Lifevantage – through 2017-2021

Panhandle Doctors for Truth  
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Organized Two Healthcare Freedom Rallies  
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## **Publications**

Ozone Preconditioning in Viral Disease; James A. Thorp, MD, K. E. Thorp, MD, Elise M. Thorp, BS, FNTP, & Deborah D. Viglione, MD Virology Jan 2022 – In peer review currently

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## **Professional Organizations Current**

**American Academy of Anti-aging Regenerative Medicine, Fellow**  
**Florida Medical Association – reactivated 2021**

## **Professional Organizations Past**

**American College of Physicians**  
**American Medical Association**  
**Florida Medical Association**  
**American Academy for Advancement of Medicine**  
**Escambia Medical Society**  
**Florida Physicians Association**  
**Great Lakes College for Advancement of Medicine**  
**Society of Air Force Physicians**

## **Community Leadership/Involvement**

**Premium Member Powerful Women of Gulf Coast  
Member Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce**

**Project Leader Operation Christmas Child Central Waterside Church  
Worship Leader Annually for Disciple Women of Alabama/NWFL  
Preceptor for Medical, Nurse Practitioner Students**

**4 years participated with Lifevantage Legacy and Families Helping Families – Mission trips in Mexico – Building Houses**

### **Previous**

**Coached Little League baseball for 4 years  
Girl Scout Leader for 6 years  
Worship Leader for 10 years First Christian Church Pensacola  
Assistant Coach of youth basketball for 2 years  
Various Committee Participation and Chair at First Christian Church  
Youth Group Co-leader First Christian Church  
Relay Center Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse 10 years  
Helped set up Pediatric Hospital with University of South Alabama in Haiti – 2016  
Founding Volunteer of Good Samaritan Clinic  
Gulf Breeze High School Band Booster**